

Electronic Exchange in Uluberia

1689. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Manual Telephone Exchange at Uluberia has been replaced by Electronic Exchange;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the time by which it is likely to be replaced?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). There is an Electro Mechanical Automatic Exchange at Uluberia and not a Manual Exchange. The same has not yet been converted into an electronic exchange.

(c) This exchange is likely to be replaced by electronic exchange during 1993-94.

Uncovered Areas in Tamil Nadu by AIR

1690. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total population of Tamil Nadu covered under All India Radio network so far;

(b) the details of the uncovered areas in Tamil Nadu by All India Radio network; and

(c) the steps taken to expand Radio network to uncovered areas?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). At present, Tamil Nadu receives radio coverage to the extent of 98% by area and population.

The AIR projects of setting up radio stations at Tuticorin (200 KW MW Transmitter), Kodaikanal (2X5 KW FM Transmitter) and Ootacamund (1 KW MW Transmitter), and upgradation of power of 10 KW SW Transmitter to 50 KW SW Transmitter, 2.5 KW MW Transmitter to KW MW Transmitter at Madras are under implementation.

Custodial Deaths

1691. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the P.U.D.R. report on custodial deaths in Delhi;

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the reasons for not holding magisterial enquiry in some cases of custodial deaths as required by law;

(d) the reasons for not taking any consequential action on the magisterial enquiry reports in some cases;

(e) the reasons for the post-mortem reports not being given to the next-of-kin in some cases;

(f) the reasons for the registering FIRs in some cases; and

(g) the reasons for not making any ex-gratia payment to next-of-kin in some cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (g). The Delhi police has reported that four of the deaths mentioned in the PUDR report were not in police custody.